



Delaware Shorebird Project 2006
Volunteer Job Description

Position Title: Shorebird Research Assistant 1

Reports To: Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife Shorebird Project staff

Overview of Position: Assist in shorebird handling and measurement on catches. Assist in lab duties, equipment sorting and program support activities at the research headquarters.

Specific Tasks:

1. Assist in catch team "base camp" to /handle/carry/measure shorebirds.
2. Assist with lab duties such as feather sample processing and band and flag making
3. Provide support in equipment preparation and organization
4. Serve as an ambassador for the DSP and Delaware's wildlife to the general public
5. Assist in a communal living and research environment with meal duties when applicable

Time Required: Minimum four days (required to maximize educational experience for the volunteer and valuable service to the program).

Qualifications: enthusiasm for shorebird and horseshoe crab research and conservation.

Physical/Age requirement: 18 or above. Ability to withstand heat and biting insects.

Skills/Education: background in sciences (volunteer or professional) preferred but not required.

Training Required: One full day of training held April 9 and April 29 at the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve in Dover, Delaware.

Other: Must have a positive team spirit and willingness to learn.

Benefits to Volunteer: Experience working with an international team of expert researchers and volunteers. Significant field ornithology experience gained and resume items accrued. Ability to witness the shorebird migration and horseshoe crab phenomenon first hand.